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April 13, 2017

Re: *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") *Open Internet Order*,¹ Le-Ru Telephone Company ("Le-Ru" or the "Company"), Study Area Code 421908 (MO), hereby notifies the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB" or "Bureau") of its intention to cease offering its DSL and Consumer Broadband-Only Loop ("CBOL") broadband Internet transmission services as separate components of its broadband Internet access service effective July 1, 2017. As such, the transmission components will not be provided as separate regulated services and will only be provided as part of the complete broadband Internet access service that the Company offers to end user customers within its Missouri serving area, either through the Company or through an affiliated company.

Le-Ru currently provides DSL and CBOL broadband Internet transmission services as tariffed offerings pursuant to NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. The only customer for the Company's broadband Internet transmission services is the Company's affiliate nonregulated ISP. Notice to the affiliate ISP was provided this date by interoffice memorandum that the Company will discontinue the offering of broadband Internet transmission services as separate components of its broadband Internet access service effective July 1, 2017.

The Commission made clear in the *Rate-of-Return Connect America Fund Order*,² as well as the *Clarification Order*,³ that a rate-of-return carrier could make the retail offering

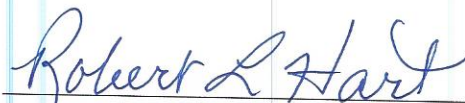
¹ *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, ¶ 460 and n. 1378 (2015).

² *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, ¶ 194, n. 428 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016).

described in the foregoing first paragraph, and thus the revenues associated with the broadband Internet access transmission would no longer be subject to the federal universal service assessment pursuant to FCC Form 499-A.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert L. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Robert L. Hart

President

Le-Ru Telephone Company

cc: Pamela Arluk, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
The Office of the Honorable Eric Greitens, Governor of Missouri
Missouri Public Service Commission
National Exchange Carrier Association

³ *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order DA 16-661, ¶ 25 (WCB, rel. June 15, 2016) (citing the *Open Internet Order*).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of broadband Internet transmission services as separate components of its broadband Internet access service was served this 13th day of April, 2017, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

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